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REPORT ON Zaahn and Russian Newspaper called Shanghai Life.

Made by D. S. I. Givens. Forwarded by office of Chief Detectine Officer

Sir,

D. S. I. Givens called at the Netherlands Consulate on 20th September, and asked if Zaahn was a Dutch subject and whether he was favourably known at the Consulate. Acting Consul General replied to both questions in the affirmative. Nothing was said which could possibly have caused the Consul General to write a letter about Zaahn possessing an unauthorised certificate.

According to the latest issues of Shanghai Life, Zaahn is still its de jure editor. Inquiries go to show that it is still printed by the Mercantile Printing Co., No. 26 Weihaiwei Road, and is published at No. 291 Avenue Joffre.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

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SUBJECT

New Triblication in Russian called "S'haidife"

Names involved:

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Memorandum.

MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Shanghai, 30/10/ 19/4

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Shanghai,, 27th October 1919.

Sir,

On August 28th a document, of which I enclose a copy was issued by this Consulate General to Mr H.H. Zahn who intended to edit a newspaper.

Please note that said document was issued <u>erroneously</u>, and has been destroyed, the Law not providing for any permit, license, certificate or other document, to be required for the purpose of editing or printing newspapers, books, or otherwise.

I have the honour to be.

Sir.

Your obedient servant, (sd) J. A. Shuurman,

Consul.

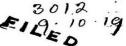
temporarily in charge of the Netherland Consulate-General.

N. O. Liddell, Esq.

Secretary,

Municipal Council.

Shanghai Municipal Police.



Oct. 191 9.

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REPORT ON Editorial Staff of Shanghai Life.

Made by D.S.I. Givens Forwarded by office of Chief Detection Cotton

Sir,

Enquiries regarding the staff of the Russian paper called Shanghai Life go to show that G.G. Zaahn. No. 291A Avenue Joffre, who accepts the responsibilities connected with the editorship, is a Dutchman. He came to Shanghai in 1915, since when he has been employed with Olivier & Co., No. 16 Museum Road.

G. Semeskov, who is editor in the real sense of the word, is a Russian. He arrived in Shanghai on April 9th He is said to have gained some notoriety in Vladivostock for extremist ideas, and began to consort with people suspected of Bolshevist sympathies soon after arriving here. Semeshko started a newspaper in Russian called the "Shanghai Chronicle" on June 29th 1919. published seditious articles in its first issue and was suppressed on July 1st.

The other names given as belonging to the editorial staff are nome de plume of Semeshkov.

The "Shanghai Life" is printed by the Mercantile Printing Co., No. 26 Weihaiwei Road.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

D.S.I.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

	CENTRAL PO	LICE Station.
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26th September 191 9.

REPORT ON New Publication in Russian called "Shanghai Life".

Made by D. S. I. Givens. Forwarded by office of Give Detective Officer.

Sir.

I beg to report that a weekly paper in Russian called "Shanghai Life" is on sale in various news agents' shops in the Settlement.

I am attaching a copy of the first assue of this paper, but it has not yet been translated, owing to the illness of D. S. Schmidt.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant. Minen

Sir, A translator has been engaged in accordance with instructions, and he has compiled a synopsis in English of the natters on which the paper treats in affin is attached herewith Engineerare being filmt the editorial staff.

Your obediegt servant.

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Names of the Editorial Staff of the New Russian publication called "Shanghai Life" and a synopsis of its contents.

September 21st 1919

Shan ghai Life.

Editor G. G. Zaahn (Residing at 291 Avenue Joffre)

Editorial staff: - A. N. Baidouyny

M. B. Vyshensky

Gr. F. Semeshko and others.

It is our hope to create in Shanghai an independent,

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progressive Russian gazette. Our task, however, as may be seen from the face of the Shanghai Chronicle", is very difficult. The worst phase of the predicament in which we find ourselves is the lack of definite laws and regulations Our paper will have to submit to the for our guidance. personal views of narrow administrators who are not equal to their positions. We cannot help this state of affairs and must act as newspapermen had to do in the time of the censorship. We can give a hint of what car thoughts are.

We must state openly to our readers that Russians did not enjoy liberty of the press, even in Chinese territory, where other nations can frankly discuss all sorts of questions. The ever watchful eye of the Russian police penetrates every -As this "eye" must be where and Shanghai is no exception.

taken into consideration, we are coliged to use the language of Ysop (fable language) in order to preserve our paper.

Our aims, sour problems are clear. We are trying to provide for the Russian emigrants who are in Shanghai and in China generally a good independent, progressive, democratic and impartial paper.

We are doing our best, and it is up to the readers, if they approve of our aim, to support us in our enterprise. We shall also introduce into our paper an industrial section for the purpose of fastering commercial relations

between Russia, China and the Dutch Indies. Reuter's Telegrams. A report on the suppression of the Shanghai Chronicle,

how the editor was sued in the Russian Consular authorities and fined Rbls 50. and how the Russian Mission in Peking nullified the verdict of the Consular Court. A treatise on the magazine "Life in the East" in which the editors are compared to the agents of Chinese prostitutes, who are to be seen nightly on Foodhow Road for printing porno-

graphic articles and pictures. Local Russian news. News from Siberia as reprinted from various Siberian papers in Russian.

Case in the Russian Consular Court: Count Lautrec Savine de Toulouse.

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No. 5347.

The undersigned states that this Consulate

General has no objection that Mr Gualtherus H. Zahn,

Netherlands subject, living in Shanghai, starts there
the publishment and the printing of a paper in the
Russian language, tending to thwart bolshewism in

Russia and to favour a purely democratic government
as the one represented at the moment by the rule of

Admiral Koltchak and General Denikine. The principal aim of the said paper will be the development of
the commercial relations between Siberia, China,
the Netherlands and Netherland colonies. The name
of the paper, which has been registered at the
Chancery of the Consulate General, will be "Shanghai
Life" ().

Secretary of Legation,

in charge of the Consulate General (signed) W.J. Quarles Van Ufford.